

A community causeway

The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway will feature design elements dedicated to each of Wisconsin's Native American Tribes. There will be kiosks dedicated to each individual Tribe, as well as sections of the Causeway dedicated to the natural elements—earth, fire and water—as designed by a Native architect, shared amongst all Tribes. A bicycle and pedestrian trail crossing the Causeway will include lakeside overlooks and information dedicated to the stories of each Tribe. Supporting the bridge itself will be piers that depict scenes of native rice beds, the Spring of Life, and the native fish of Lake Butte des Morts.

At the south end of the Causeway, there will be an obelisk-shaped monument called “The Offering Fire.” This monument represents the Four Directions, the Four Seasons and other representations of Native Lifeways. The Offering Fire is sited at one of the many locations of historic significance to the Tribes in Wisconsin. Near this monument will be a kiosk that explains the meaning of all of the CSD features on the Causeway. At the north end of the Causeway, there will be a kiosk explaining the history of Lake Butte des Morts.



Water bridge



Offering Fire

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Tribal Community Sensitive Design

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Community Sensitive Design (CSD) is a technique that weaves the characteristics of a community into a transportation project. Since Winnebago County has such a rich history with its Native Peoples, WisDOT partnered with the eleven federally-recognized Tribes of Wisconsin as part of the CSD effort. The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway was selected as a primary opportunity to recognize our State's Tribes.

Lake Butte des Morts Causeway

Tribe Node Locations

- 1 Bad River
- 2 Stockbridge-Munsee
- 3 Oneida
- 4 Menominee
- 5 Lac du Flambeau
- 6 Red Cliff
- 7 Ho-Chunk
- 8 Lac Courte Oreilles
- 9 Mole Lake
- 10 St. Croix
- 11 Potawatomi
- 12 Lake Butte des Morts History



Inspiring pride in our community

The US 41 Project is a massive one, but when WisDOT began planning the project with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), WisDOT decided the extra time it takes to implement CSD into the project would be worth it because it helps create community pride in the finished product. Utilizing CSD also helps fulfill one of FHWA's principles of quality, stating that, "The project is in harmony with the community and it preserves environmental, scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resource values of the area." But before WisDOT could start implementation, more help was needed.



Menominee Tribal Node



Red Cliff Tribal Node



Lac du Flambeau Tribal Node

Many hands

The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway bicycle and pedestrian trail was included in the Winnebago County design through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The NEPA process requires agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives. The bicycle and pedestrian trail is an example of how environmental impacts are being mitigated on the US 41 Project. The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway has become a prominent CSD opportunity for the Tribes of Wisconsin, local officials, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Army Corps of Engineers and Winnebago County. The Causeway is also an environmentally friendly and culturally significant feature of the US 41 Project.



Bad River Tribal Node

Achieving project goals

CSD is an important part of the US 41 Project. It will play a critical part in helping us achieve the following goals:

- Deliver a high-quality project
- Maintain public support, trust and confidence
- Create opportunity
- Provide aesthetics that enhance the character of the project and represent a desired community image